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It had been a morale boosting mission: the Marauder could take it! The very next Marauder mission was on 20 December 1943 - the 100th mission. Since 16 July 1943 about 6,700 sorties had been flown, during which 21 aircraft did not return: 0.3% losses - the lowest losses in all operation areas.

This story had a tail - Schiphol (recently voted as the best civil airfield of the world again) is developing to the mainport of Europe; the Dutch economic spearhead. It is feared that there are still unexploded bombs in the Dutch ground near Schiphol. Developments are planned and carried out carefully. Intensive research has been undertaken in order to locate the "forgotten" bombs. Since 1989 over 10 bombs have been uncovered and detonated. Just recently, on 3 November 1994 (another coincidence), the NV Luchthaven Schiphol, the gemeente Haarlemmermeer (municipal) and the Explosieven Opruimingsdienst (bomb squad) signed agreements on removing future explosives located at Schiphol.

I trust that this information is of interest to all Marauder Thunder readers, especially those Marauder Men who participated in the

Amsterdam/Schiphol missions in autumn 1943. For further information do not hesitate to contact me.

Hoping to hear from you, or any other Marauder Men, I wish you a merry Xmas and the very best for 1995!

Rob van den Nieuwendijk.

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What we would like all Marauder families to do!

In the belief that Marauder history is important enough to be preserved and made available to future generations, we urge all Marauder Veterans and their families to take the following instructions;

1. Consider that anything that you hold that relates to your WWII experience is valuable.
2. To whatever extent you can, identify each item that you have. This particularly includes providing whatever caption that you can to photographs. Ideally each such item should have information that identifies who, what, where and when. Any of this information makes the item more useful.
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28 January 1945

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Lloyd KISNER

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J. Pothen
8 Sur les Roches
B-4960 Malmedy
Belgium

Malmedy, le 14-09-2001

Mr L. Kisner
P.B. Box 246
DURBIN
W.V. 26264
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

The C.R.B.A. (Center of Research on the Battle of the Bulge) has the honor of sending you the enclosed diploma for the part you played in the victory of the Allied troop during the WWII.

This diploma is reserved, usually, to the soldiers that fought during the Battle of the Bulge but we send it to you as an exceptional mark of sympathy and gratefulness.

With my sincere and friendly congratulations

Joseph
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Enclosed you will find information on the activities of the CRIBA

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POW

NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA

'Caterpillar' finally joins the Club

POW's long-delayed membership affirmed

By Jenny Hasenauer
The North Platte Telegraph

It was a fairly routine mission during World War II.

Capt. Robert Felt, a pilot, and his crew were on their way to bomb a railroad bridge near Liege, Belgium, their 57th mission, when their B26 bomber, the Dragon Wagon, was hit by anti-aircraft flak.

"The right engine quit, then the left engine caught fire," Felt said. "We had to get out."

Felt said he got the other four members of the crew out of the plane, then parachuted out himself.

"I wasn't scared at the time because the plane was on fire — we had to jump," Felt said. As he drifted to the ground, Felt said it was very peaceful.

"It was so quiet, I could hear the dogs barking," he said.

Felt landed near a church and immediately saw a woman directing him toward a grove of trees.

"I got up and tried to run, but I had hurt my knees in the fall and I fell to the ground," Felt said.

Almost immediately he was captured by German troops and was taken to Stalag Left 3, a prison camp near Sagan, Poland.

"It wasn't good," Felt said. "We were all cold

and hungry. They didn't beat us or anything, but it seemed we were there for an eternity."

At the time, Felt was with one of his crew members in the camp. He later found out that two of his crew had escaped and another one had been captured.

Felt and his crew members were in the Stalag Left camp for six months.

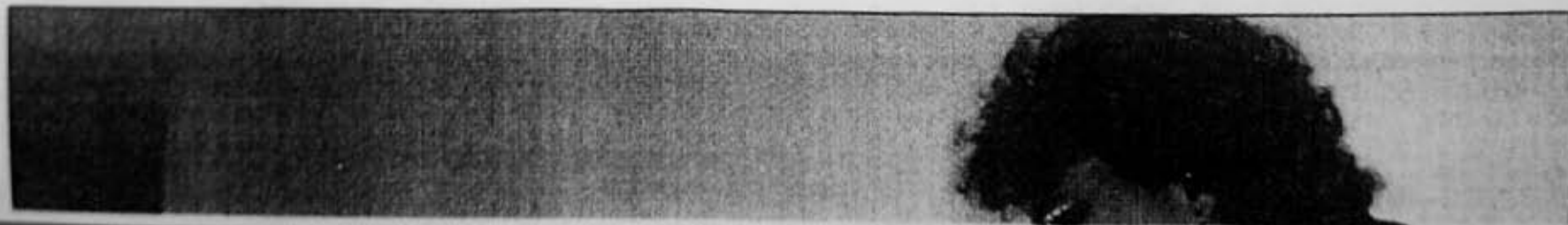
"Then they moved us," Felt said. "I lost track of my crewmember. I am not sure what happened to him."

As for Felt, he marched three days and three nights in a blizzard and spent three more days locked in a boxcar until he got to Stalag 7A, a prison camp near Museburg, Germany.

It was there Felt remained until the summer of 1945.

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Courtesy photo

B26 pilot Robert Felt, far left, seen here with his crew in 1943, was shot down over Belgium May 24, 1944. He and his crew had to parachute out of the plane.

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OUT

City Council to finalize

Mrs. L. E. Kisner of Frank, Pochontas county, have been notified that their son Lieut. L. E. Kisner, Jr., is reported "missing in action over Belgium."

Lieut. Kisner was a bombardier-navigator in the 9th Army Air Force. He had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

This is the second time Lieut. Kisner had been listed as "missing in action." Some three months prior to the last notification, his plane was shot down but he managed to get back to England safely.

A letter received by Mrs. Kisner, mother of the young navigator from a pilot squadron in which he was a member, stated that he (the pilot) was on leave at the time the flight was made but he had learned that the plane, in which her son and five crew members were occupants, was disabled and dropped out of formation over Belgium territory. He was reported by the war department as "missing as of May 25."

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Lieut. Kisner Decorated With Marauder Crew

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could not be operated under full power.

Prepare to Bail Out

"Some 15 miles off the English coast the left engine cut, too. I told the crew to prepare to bail out, and I put the ship in a glide. We worked to get the left engine going again, and finally it caught.

"We were down to 2,000 feet as we crossed the English coast. We were losing altitude steadily. At 1,500 feet, about four miles from where we hit the coast line, the left engine let go entirely. Meanwhile, everything had become soaked in gasoline from the gas that was sloshing out of the punctured tank. If we had tried a crash landing the first spark would have meant an explosion.

"I ordered the crew to bail out. The co-pilot hesitated at the open bomb bays. He came back to ask me was I going to jump or try to set it down. I told him to get going, that I was coming, too. I tried to set a course well away from a town and building. Then I hurried back and went out, too. We were pretty low, somewhere around 500 feet or less.

"I remember pulling the ring and it came away in my hand with the wires dangling. I looked at it and thought it had torn loose, so I said, 'You dirty . . . and just about that

time the chute opened. I looked toward the plane, which had lost altitude rapidly and was swinging around in a descending turn to the left. It was in the next field. It burned completely."

Members of the "Liberty Lady's" crew who have been recommended for awards are: Second Lieutenant Ross Oakley, co-pilot, Westwood Village, Calif.; Second Lieutenant Kisner, bombardier-navigator, Frank, W. Va.; S. Sgt. Lloyd Arthur, radio gunner, Saratago, In.; Sgt. Martin Dishong, tail gunner, Everett, Pa.; and S. Sgt. Woodrow Laubey, engineer gunner, St. Joseph, Mo.

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Had Been Reported Missing in Action

Mrs. Franklin J. Widney learned this morning that her brother, Lt. L. E. Kisner, jr., of Frank, reported "missing in action" on May 25, over Belgium, cabled his parents this morning "Am O. K. Have written. Will See You Soon. Don't Worry About Me. Love." signed, "Your Son."

Lt. Kisner was overseas 14 months when he was reported missing by the War Department. He was a bombardier on a B-26 Marauder plane.

Dr. and Mrs. Widney and daughter Marsha Kaye and Mrs. Widney's sister, Mrs. B. E. Lawton, have returned from Atlantic City where the Widneys were guests of Mrs. Lawton. Her husband is in the Navy.

A brother of Mrs. Widney and Mrs. Lawton, Pvt. William Kisner stationed at Fort McClelland, Ala., is visiting at his home at Frank.



The ancient library in which the books have been found intact was at Herculaneum, and contained about 1,800 volumes.

Grand Coulee Dam contains enough concrete for a highway from New York to Seattle, and back via Los Angeles.

LT. KISNER REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION FOR SECOND TIME

Is Brother Of Local Resident

Lt. L. E. Kisner, jr., of Frank, a brother of Mrs. Franklin J. Widney, of this city, is reported "missing in action over Belgium", according to a notice received by the young lieutenant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kisner, of Frank.

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Lieut. Kisner is the first member of Elkins Lodge No. 1135, B.P.O. Elks to be listed as missing or killed in action. Lt. Col. Robert Wolverton has been listed as "missing in action" as of June 6. No further word has been received from either of the officers. Lt. Col. Wolverton was a paratrooper.

Lt. Kisner has two other sisters, Mrs. Eugene Lawton, of Atlantic City, N. J., and Pauline, at home, and one brother, William, who was recently inducted into the service. Mrs. Lawton was the former Geraldine Kisner, who attended Davis and Elkins college and was employed here for sometime. Lt. Kisner was formerly employed by the Western Maryland railway company.

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Cody Moore

I'll never forget
the day we put your
hair up like the
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Loren,
I'm gonna miss
spending time with
you in the mornings.
Dale Kimison

~~Jimmy Bond~~
Zach
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Thank You

✓ Sarah Bland

Don't forget
you never forget
the names for bananas
for the banana
Mira & I don't
forget



Doren, Carrie Shearer
had 4th block together
we'd always pick on
other. Mr. Richmond
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to land but we'd yet
the room anyways. I
won't be the same with
him picking on us

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Loren, you

were super-cool.
and a great person
you will be
missed

Loren -
3rd block was a blast!
Peter's daughter!
We will all miss you!
- BTTFany
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Missed

will be missed

Vanessa

3/11/00

Dude! +
You're +
You're +
You're +
You're +



one late night, driving alone
it ended all too fast
i guess He had to call you home
its something we can't grasp
always walking through the door
with a big smile on your face
all the memories and more
is something we can't replace
now the days will slowly pass
and you will forever live in our hearts
times will last

Doren, Carrie Shearer, and I
had L'tn block together, and
we'd always pick on each
other. Mr. Richmond would
separate us if we were being
too loud but we'd yell across
the room anyways. Things
won't be the same without
him picking on us

Ellen
Shearer

the best

10/10/10



Well Miss
you Loren.
of Coely
Parker

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Dr. C. C. C.

I remember Loren,
Ellen Honaker + I were
like a circle of jokes, pranks,
and games. Loren always had
us laughing! Then made fun
of the way we laughed!

I miss you!

Carrie Shearer

There when
you're needed.

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Love you brotha,
Gus Willis

Even basically everything
you reviewed at 2000 ft. + value
you did. Love, + value

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great person,
you will be
missed.

-Jenna

of the man
forget you

Loren.

There aren't any
words to express
now I feel right now.
I love you and I will
never forget you. Anatomy
and the cats will never be
the same. You'll always be

in my heart. Q. whether

you will be
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forget
I'll miss
I'll miss

you!
Bernett
Jenna

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I'll miss
I'll miss
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You drew
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miss you man

Well
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Michael
Summons



Loren,

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Angel,
Vell

You were a
great person! We
are all going to
miss you sooo much!

parents
smile on
me. I'll miss
u. Love.

Kendra

* Toni *
Dilley *

Well dude we
all love ya & miss
ya! love you
dude
Pat

Loren - I
you could
smile on wish
face. I wish
to know you be
to wish for



Good Morning,
My dear,
is in the morning,
is in the morning,
is in the morning,

GOOD DAY!

Good Morning,
My dear,
is in the morning,

Colin

Stephen



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I am sure
we will never
forget you!

I will never forget
you man.

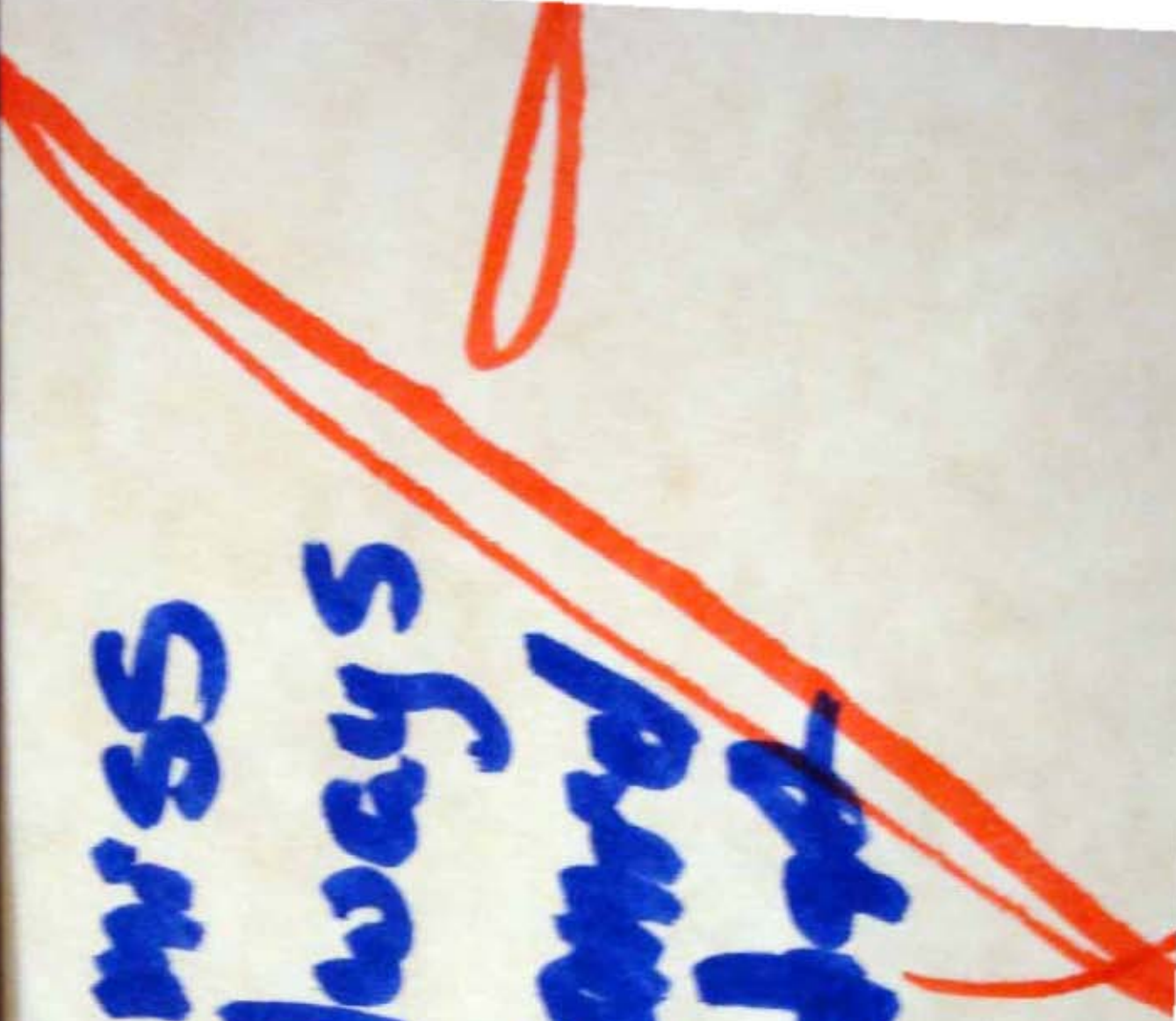
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Loren as a happy freshman... always smiling.

I will miss

I will miss
you always
Matthew
Bradford



**Gone but
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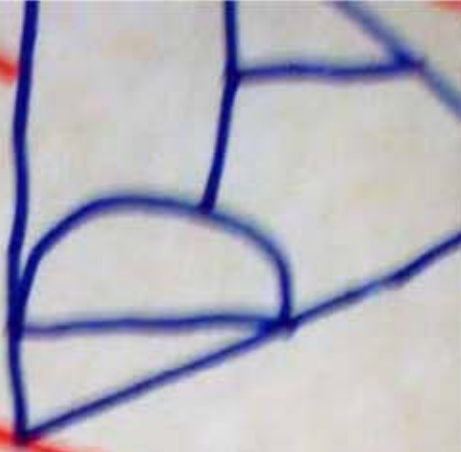
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you ol buddy

SS
Bennett

-Janie Bothe

We will never
forget you.

-Bennett



won't forget
you EVER

Bob A. R.

Loren my redheaded-male-counterpart,
I'm going to miss your nodding the
head greeting in the hall everytime I saw
you, you playing your guitar, your carefree
eloquent interview style and hearing your
voice over the airwaves. I'll never
forget the beautiful speech you gave when
you ran for class president freshman
year. I could write a book and I didn't
get to know you enough.

Love,
your friend,
Joelle

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~~Washburn~~
by Mary
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6 Aug
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